11. A. Para 9.

The idea that contractors can completely makeup for expertise missing in ODP is not valid. From the CAMS/SAFE/GIMs experience ODP has found that the expertise is difficult to acquire at any price. In addition, there are security issues involved in the use of contractors.

Figure 11.6

This chart is incomprehensible.

Section III.A.3f.

The premise that the Agency communications grid is not satisfactory needs further explanation. For a number of reasons it may be the preferred approach.

5.A. Para 3.

The statement that major centers will continue to exist does not correlate with the plans underway for a major ADP center in the new building on the Agency compound.

B.1. Fig B.1.

The milestone for new terminal acquisition is unrealistic. A draft RFP cannot be made ready by mid FY 1983. This milestone should be moved at least to 1984.

5. A. Para. 4

A commercially produced and supported DBMS is currently under consideration for SAFE and if selected will augment the ODP currently supported ODP DBMS inventory.

III. H. 3b

There seems to be a lack of understanding of the present project accounting system and its use. The Project Activity Report (PAR) is distributed monthly by ODP to ADP Control Officers. It has been used as the source for determining the cost of major ADP projects supported by ODP. From 1978 thru 1980, these projects were reviewed by the Executive Committee and approved at the requested level of support. Requests for increases of ten percent or more above the approval level were reviewed by the Comptroller.

The PAR has had a comprehensive schedule of services since its inception ten years ago. Currently, there are prices for five different priorities of batch services. The following support is priced and listed separately in the report:

Detailed Comments on DRAFT Strategic Plan

1.A.   Para 1.

The use of the phrase "automation of the production of intelligence" here and in many other places in the plan is confusing. What about collection and processing of intelligence? Do we mean to include the above under production? In many areas these are considered unique and distinct from one another.

1.A.   Para 3.

The first sentence was universally challenged. By any measure the Agency is well advanced in the use of automation. Compared to the rest of the Federal ADP activities and any large private organization the Agency would have to be considered in the fore- front in the breadth and scope of automation.

1.A.   Para 4.

It is too early to say what direction SAFE will take beyond the early capabilities phase.

II.   A Para 2.

The use of commercial software does not guarantee interoperability. Such software would have to be modified for the necessary gateways.

II.   A Para 4.

It is not clear what is meant by "special purpose" machines or how these could contribute or be reconciled with interoperability.

II.   A Para 5.

ODP has made studies (and still another is underway) on the need for a scientific facility. Sufficient justification for such a capability has never been found.

II.   A. Para 6.

While ODP does not argue that true interoperability is desirable, we suspect that achieving this goal among Agency administrative systems will be extremely difficult in the Eighties. The reasons are not only technical but involve complex management issues. An earlier effort in the late Sixties (SIPs) proved to be too ambitious. The technology has greatly advanced since SIPs but the management issues remain. Existing programs for upgrades in the strategic plan appear to be more realistic.

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                    Contractor Support
                    VM
                    Batch
                    GIMS
                    Data Entry
                    Online DASD
                    Tape Mounts
                    Dedicated Devices
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The requirements for a new resource pricing system have been developed and are being reviewed by ODP Applications. The new system--RAPS (Resource Accounting and Pricing System) is primarily intended to replace the ten-year old PAR which is difficult to maintain and runs inefficiently. However, some enhanced pricing and reporting capabilities will be provided by RAPS.